

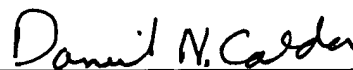
Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

Abstract

~~To provide a~~ A method of producing a membrane-electrode assembly for a fuel cell which remarkably ~~enhancing~~ enhances the productivity and properties of fuel cell. There are provided in the method a first catalyst layer forming step of spreading a first coating compound over a running substrate ~~9~~ to form a first catalyst layer ~~201~~, an electrolyte forming step of spreading a second coating compound over said first catalyst layer ~~201~~ while ~~said the~~ said first catalyst layer ~~201~~ is wet to form an electrolyte layer ~~301~~, a drying step of drying ~~said the~~ said electrolyte layer ~~301~~, and a second catalyst layer forming step of spreading a third coating compound having a noble metal supported thereon over ~~said the~~ said dried electrolyte layer ~~301~~ to form a second catalyst layer ~~401~~.

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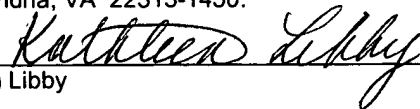
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Abstract

A method of producing a membrane-electrode assembly for a fuel cell remarkably enhances the productivity and properties of fuel cell. There are provided in the method a first catalyst layer forming step of spreading a first coating compound over a running substrate to form a first catalyst layer, an electrolyte forming step of spreading a second coating compound over said first catalyst layer while the first catalyst layer is wet to form an electrolyte layer, a drying step of drying the electrolyte layer, and a second catalyst layer forming step of spreading a third coating compound having a noble metal supported thereon over the dried electrolyte layer to form a second catalyst layer.